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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Jim McNamee and the 1996 Oak Ridge High School girls' cross country team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA state championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is very proud of state athletic teams that work hard, demonstrate tremendous fortitude and are crowned state champions; and

WHEREAS, the 1996 Oak Ridge High School girls' cross country team is one such group of persons who recently captured the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA state championship, in one of the most exciting finishes in the storied history of the tournament; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the title meet, Oak Ridge was tied with Knoxville Farragut, a tie that was broken because the Lady Cats sixth place runner had beaten Farragut's by five seconds; and

WHEREAS, this was Oak Ridge High School's seventh state championship in cross country; the second one in girls' cross country; and

WHEREAS, prior to their winning the state title, Oak Ridge had already compiled an impressive record by finishing first in the Kingsport Invitational, the A.F. Bridges Invitational, the Oak Ridge Invitational and the Region 2 meet; and

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WHEREAS, Coach Jim McNamee and his able assistant coaches David Scott and Allen Etheridge have done an outstanding job carefully molding the natural talent of the team into championship caliber; and

WHEREAS, the members of this exceptionally talented squad were Katy Benning, Patricia Robinson, Heather Howe, Ashley Lussier, Molly Castner, Chelsea Jacobs, Elizabeth Eby, and Stormi Pehrson; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this memorable squad on their numerous accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Jim McNamee and the Oak Ridge High School girls' cross country team on winning the 1996 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association state championship and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.